(ii) there should be greater and closer co-operation between law and order agencies and the bank management; (iii) banks should take precautionary measures like reduction of cash holding, introduction of time lock devices, opening of vaults at pre-set times and restrictions on entry of the members of the public after banking hours (iv) the vulnerability of cash in transit should be reduced; (v) staff should be adequately motivated to ensure security, etc.

(c) In the year 1982, there was one incident of dacoity in Canara Bank, Maharani Bagh and two incidents of robbery in Punjab National Bank, Gitanjali and Indian Overseas Banks, Punjabi Bagh.

In 1983 there was one incident of dacoity in Punjab National Bank Sarvodaya Enclave and two incidents of Bank robberies in State Bank of India, Swasthya Vihar and State Bank of India, Khazori Khas.

During 1984 (up to 30th June, 1984) there have been three incidents of Bank dacoities in Central Bank of India, Connaught Place, State Bank of Bikaner & Jaipur, New Rohtak Road and Union Bank of India, Sunder Nagar.

(d) Ministry of Finance have forwarded the report of the Working Group to the managements of the Public Sector Banks and the Reserve Bank of India, for implementing the recommendations. The Report has also been sent to all the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations.

So far as Delhi is concerned, Police pickets equipped with arms and wireless sets and night patrolling has been intensified and the patrolling parties are instructed to keep a special watch in the areas where bank branches are located. The Police Officers hold meetings with the bank managers to apprise them about the security measures and devices.

Sri Lanka as an American Military base

1712. SHRI RAMANAND YADAV:
SHRIMATI AMARJIT KAUR:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Sri Lanka has virtually become a military base for the United States of America;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the security of India has been threatened by the leasing out of the Trincomalee harbour by Sri Lanka to the US for American warships equipped with nuclear war heads.

(c) if the answer to parts (a) and (b) be in the affirmative, whether Government propose to lodge a protest with the Sri Lankan Government in this regard; and

(d) whether in this context Government have taken adequate measures to strengthen security of India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) Government have no information to this effect.

(b) Government are not aware of Trincomalee harbour being leased by Sri Lanka to the US for warships equipped with nuclear war heads.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

Role of B.S.F. and C.R.P.F. in controlling terrorist activities in Punjab

1713. SHRI SUSHIL CHAND MOHUNTA:
DR. SHANTI G. PATEL:
SHRI BISWA GOSWAMI:
DR. BAPU KALDATE:
DR. MAHABIR PRASAD:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the BSF and CRPF came under criticism for their failure to curb terrorist activities in Punjab;